

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 04-04-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 19, 2004  
Commission Meeting: April 21, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications N2004.4.51 (Scott)

On March 31, 2004, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 04-05 ISDN PRS Promotion. Qwest is requesting a promotion for ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) customers who renew existing contracts, convert from month-to-month to contract pricing, migrate from Centrex, PBX, Uniform Access Solution (UAS) or Digital Switched Service (DSS) to PRS or return to Qwest will have a bulk rate for the 36 month period. This bulk price includes the DS1 Facility, common equipment, service configuration, and a maximum of 24 trunks. The promotion also includes a waiver of non-recurring charges. This promotion is available where it is technically feasible and where facilities are available.

Contracts must be signed by July 23, 2004 and the customer requesting installation date may be no later than September 21, 2003. The promotion is schedule to run from April 26, 2004, through July 23, 2004.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2000.8.132; D2001.6.78; D2004.3.42; D2002.11.48; D2004.1.2; D2001.6.75; D2002.7.91; D99.3.68; D2002.1.1; D2004.3.42; D2004.1.13 – Qwest and Various Carriers – Amendments to Interconnection Agreements. (4/21/04)
2. D2004.3.45 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of PPA b/t NorthWestern Energy and Basin Creek. (4/21/04)
3. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Report and Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (4/21/04)
4. 2005 Legislative Session. (4/21/04)
5. **(4/22/04) 11:00 a.m.** NorthWestern Energy – Meeting With Outside Legal and Financial Advisors.

**Other Meetings**

**4/19/04 – 11:00 a.m. – USF Session**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. Qwest Communication Docket No. N2004.4.57 (Scott)

On April 12, 2004 Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal PLT04-01 withdrawal of Simultaneous Voice and Data Service (SVDS). These revisions will remove the SVDS. There are no customers in Montana subscribing to the product. SVDS will remain as an interstate offering until such times as a waiver has been granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

2. Qwest Communication Docket No. N2004.4.56 (Scott)

On April 12, 2004 Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 04-06 revision of section 12, Open Network Architecture (ONA) change due to withdrawal of Simultaneous Voice and Data Service (SVDS) from the Private Line Access Tariff. The revision describes SVDS offering as available as only an interstate service. A simultaneous filing (PLT04-01) is being made to withdraw the SVDS from the intrastate Private Line Access Tariff.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2004.4.55 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change

N2004.4.56 – Qwest Communications – Tariff Transmittal 04-06 – Revision of Section 12, ONA Change due to Withdrawal of Simultaneous Voice and Data Service (SVDS) from the Private Line Access Tariff

N2004.4.57 – Qwest Communications – Tariff Transmittal PLT 04-01 – Withdrawal of Simultaneous Voice and Data Services (SVDS)